No CIA-Peace Corps Co

This column was in error last week in implying that the traditional separation between the Peace Corps and the CIA was being relaxed.

The inference was based principally on the fact that ACCION, founded by the new head of the Peace Corps, Joe Blatchford, in South America had received $50,000 from the Donner Foundation, a reported CIA conduit. We now find that there are two Donner Foundations and that the William H. Donner Foundation, which contributed to ACCION, has never been a CIA conduit.

We regret the error and further state that we are convinced the Peace Corps has no connection, direct of indirect, with the CIA.

As we have noted in the past, the Peace Corps has done an outstanding job of bringing the idealism of young Americans to many foreign countries. It was one of the finest projects initiated by President Kennedy and we feel sure it will continue so under its new administrator.

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